

the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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**Adopted:**

Campbell/Faircloth/Kohl Amendment No. 3340, relating to the adjustment in the rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems.

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Campbell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3341, regarding antique firearms regulation and an exemption for muzzle loader firearms under the Gun Control Act.

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Campbell/Kohl Amendment No. 3342, to make a technical correction regarding the Federal Financing Bank in order to reflect the true amount of debt accumulated.

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Campbell (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 3343, to provide for the reform of the overtime pay of Federal firefighters.

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Campbell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 3344, to provide for an annual report on international services of the Postal Service.

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Campbell (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3345, to express the sense of the Senate on the use of random selection of returns for examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Campbell/Kohl Amendment No. 3346, to make modification to Title III relating to the Drug Czar's office media campaign.

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Campbell/Kohl Amendment No. 3347, to make a technical correction to Title IV.

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Campbell (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3352, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees.

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Kohl Amendment No. 3355, to extend certain prohibitions relating to undetectable firearms.

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Campbell (for Chafee/Warner) Amendment No. 3356, to require the Administrator of General Services to acquire a lease for the Department of Transportation headquarters and to provide additional funding for security for the Capitol complex.

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**Pending:**

Thompson Amendment No. 3353, to require the addition of use of forced or indentured child labor to the list of grounds on which a potential contractor may be debarred or suspended from eligibility for award of a Federal Government contract.

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**Rejected:**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3351, to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 240), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No.241), three fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Hutchinson Amendment No. 3249, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 202(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 29, 1998.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—241)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9161–62.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Carolyn H. Becraft, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Ruby Butler DeMesme, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Patrick T. Henry, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and 5,101 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ritajeon Hartung Butterworth, of Washington,

and Diane D. Blair, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Kelley S. Coyner, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Butterworth was introduced by Senators Gorton and Hutchinson, Ms. Blair was introduced by Senator Bumpers, and Ms. Coyner was introduced by Senator Robb.

#### CABLE RATES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine the regulation of cable television rates, focusing on the impact of the proposed March 31, 1999 expiration of the Federal Communication Commission's authority to regulate the rates charged for cable programming services as directed by the 1996 Telecommunications Act, and the status of federal and congressional efforts to create viable competition to cable television, receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Representatives DeFazio and Tauzin; Charles Ergen, Echostar Communications Corporation, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Leo J. Hindery, Jr., Tele-Communications, Inc., Englewood, Colorado; and James O. Robbins, Cox Communications, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### ALASKA REGION OPERATING COSTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held hearings to examine the Government Accounting Office report on the increase in the costs for fiscal years 1993 through 1998 to operate the Forest Service Alaska region, receiving testimony from James K. Meissner, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, and Thomas J. Mills, Director, Pacific Northwest Research Station, and James A. Caplan, Acting Regional Forester, Alaska Region, both of the Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a sub-

stitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment provides for a two-year moratorium on the imposition of state and local taxes on the Internet.)

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1147 and provisions of H.R. 2409, measures to provide for nondiscriminatory coverage for substance abuse treatment services under private group and individual health coverage, focusing on scientific evidence with regard to substance abuse and addiction and the effectiveness of certain prevention and treatment strategies, after receiving testimony from Senator Wellstone; Representative Ramstad; Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; David C. Lewis, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Physician Leadership on National Drug Policy; Robert M. Morse, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; Ted Suhl, The Lord's Ranch, Warm Springs, Arkansas; Richard G. Frank, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Willis D. Gradison, Jr., Health Insurance Association of America, Washington, D.C.; John Saylor, AMR Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas; and June Gertig, Herndon, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2273, to provide a cost-of-living allowance adjustment in compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and other VA benefits, effective December 31, 1998;

S. 1021, to strengthen current laws relating to veterans' preference in Federal employment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2358, to provide a scientific basis for VA to assess the association between illness and exposure to toxic agents and environmental or other wartime hazards during the Persian Gulf War, to extend VA authority to provide medical care services to Persian Gulf War veterans, to extend and modify VA authority to evaluate the health status of spouses and children of Gulf War veterans, and to require an assessment of the feasibility of establishing an independent entity to evaluate veterans' post-conflict illnesses;

S. 1385, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1822, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize provision of care to veterans treated with nasopharyngeal radium irradiation, with an

amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of S. 1822, S. 2115, 2181 S.)

Also, committee reconsidered their action of October 7, 1997, and again ordered favorably reported S. 730, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment incorporates provisions of S. 730, S. 1743, S. 1745, and S. 2108.)

### CALIFORNIA NURSING HOMES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the quality of care in California nursing homes, focusing on certain allegations of

abuse and neglect and the adequacy of the Health Care Financing Administration's enforcement of federal care requirements for nursing homes, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Charlene Harrington, University of California, San Francisco; Andrew M. Kramer, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Boulder; Dennis Stone, American Medical Directors Association, Columbia, Maryland, on behalf of the California Association of Health Facilities; and Paul R. Willging, American Health Care Association, and Sheldon L. Goldberg, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, both of Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 4340–4341; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 312 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3891, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to prohibit the unauthorized destruction, modification, or alteration of product identification codes, amended (H. Rept. 105–650);

H. Res. 510, providing for consideration of H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–651); and

H. Res. 511, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (H. Rept. 105–652).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6489.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6511.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 341) and one ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6491 and H6508–09.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 and at 2:59 p.m. agreed to the Gutknecht motion to adjourn in memory of Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut by a ye and nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 342.

### Committee Meetings

#### USE OF DECEPTIVE PRACTICES TO GAIN ACCESS TO PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing to review the Use of Deceptive Practices to Gain Access to Personal Financial Information. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Mozelle W. Thompson, Commissioner, FTC; Jeff Clements, Assistant Attorney General, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

#### “CLINTON-GORE V. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS”

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural